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ANA EJR	SOVIET COMMENTS ON CUBA
I TOP	FRIENDLY LEBANESE CORRESPONDENT TOLD USUN IN CONFIDENCE COMMENTS MADE TO HIM BY RADIO MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT AT UN:
NSC INR CIA	1. SOVIET CRRESPONDENTS MET WITH MIKOYAN LAST NIGHT WHO SAID WITHOUT DETAILS "HE HAD TOUGH TIME IN CUBA".
NSA OSD ARMY	2. SOVIETS FULLY AWARE THEY LOST FACE AMONG NEUTRALS AND OWN ALLIES BY WITHDRAWAL BUT ACHIEVED MAIN OBJECTIVE: MAINTAINING SOCIALIST REGIME IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE.
NAVY AIR NIC	3. LOSS IN PRESTIGE WILL BE MADE UP BY SUCCESSES ELSEWHERE; KHRUSHCHEV POLICY "ONE STEP BACKWARD, TWO STEPS FORWARD".
RMR	4. SITUATION VERY TENSE IN SOVIET GOVERNMENT CIRCLES BETWEEN OCTOBER 22 AND 27. SOVIETS THOUGHT US WOULD INVADE CUBA, THEY WOULD COUNTER WITH ARMS, RESULTING IN WAR WHICH KHRUSHCHEV WANTS AVOID AT ALL COSTS.

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